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Integrated National Waterways Transport Grid
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has set upan Integrated National WaterwaysTransport Grid (INWTG) in the country;
(b) if so, the details and the objectivesthereof;
(c) the financial implication involvedthereon along with the advantage likely toaccrue as a result of setting up of INWTG;and
(d) the time by which the INWTG islikely to be made functional?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING
(SHRI PON. RADHAKRISHNAN)

(a)to(d):A proposal to implement a project for setting up of an Integrated National Waterways Transport Grid (INWTG) at an estimated cost of Rs.22,763 crore was formulated based on the report prepared by M/s RITES Ltd. However, since the Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) is already undertaking the sub-components of INWTG on National Waterways-1 to 5 including the Jal Marg Vikas project related to NW-1, through budgetary support and external aid through multi-lateral funding, it has been decided that the proposal of INWTG as a comprehensive project may not be pursued further. Projects that are viable and can be implemented early are being taken up on priority on all the National Waterways declared under the National Waterways Act, 2016.

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